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This policy is intended to provide guidance on the installation and use of room air conditioning units in facilities regulated by this office that require operable windows in patient and/or resident sleeping rooms.

This office has received a number of requests concerning the use of room size air conditioning units that install in the windows of patient or resident sleeping rooms in Nursing Homes, Homes for the Aged and Adult Foster Care facilities. This office recognizes the need for the use of these units for the safety and comfort of residents and patients, and provides the following guidelines regarding the use of sleeping room air conditioning units:

- The units may be used on a temporary basis only, i.e., during summer months.
- The owner of the facility shall provide this office with documentation assuring that the facility's electrical power system(s) are adequate for total combined electrical power demand of all A/C units.
- The receptacles or power source(s) for the units shall NOT be connected to any emergency power systems that supply the facility.
- Any materials used in the installation that are exposed to the sleeping room shall meet the minimum required interior finish rating for the room.